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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

April 30, 2019

**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)**

Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: **2019-HQFO-00534**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received by this office on March 25, 2019. You are seeking all communications (including emails, email attachments, memos, reports, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) sent by Commander Jonathan White regarding the potential impact of a “zero tolerance” policy, or any policy resulting in the separation of children from their families, on the psychological or physical health of the affected children and any communication forwarding, replying to, or otherwise commenting on any such communication from Commander White and John Kelly, Kirjsten Nielsen and Chad Wolf (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/20/2017 To 5/1/2018).

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

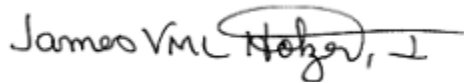
While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within OCIO that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked “FOIA Appeal.” Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal

agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact this office and refer to case number **2019-HQFO-00534**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James V.M.L. Holzer, J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James V.M.L. Holzer  
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer